

## CARDINAL MYKOLA BYCHOK TO HEADLINE THE CSSA NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN MARCH

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Catholic Social Services Australia (CSSA) invites CSSA members and supporters to attend the highly anticipated National Catholic Social Services Australia National Conference, from 19-20 March 2025. The Conference theme, *Hope in Action*, draws inspiration from the Jubilee 2025's *Pilgrims of Hope*, echoing Pope Francis' call for peace, respect the dignity of life, and support for the marginalised.

Inspired by the 2025 Jubilee, this event brings together social services experts across Australia, for the essential discussions to highlight what hope in action we personify.

CSSA is delighted to announce that Cardinal Mykola Bychok will give his opening address at the Conference.

Cardinal Bychok said, "I am honoured to attend the CSSA National Conference and deliver the opening address on this pivotal theme of peace and truth. At a time when many people around the world are suffering from wars and yearning for peace, it is our task not to be indifferent to the suffering of others and to act swiftly to help the most vulnerable.

"The Jubilee Year of 2025, Pilgrims of Hope, reminds us that as we walk this pilgrimage with Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life, we must not only bring hope for a just peace to those in need but also share the truth about their suffering with others, ensuring that the enemy's false information does not find a place in people's hearts."

Executive Director of CSSA, Dr Jerry Nockles, added, "We are thrilled to welcome Cardinal Bychok to our National Conference. The theme of his address aligns with the 2024-25 Social Justice Statement, 'Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World', which emphasises that genuine peace is built on a foundation of truth. We recognise that justice is incomplete without truth. The CSSA Conference will also shed light on pressing social issues, including poverty and homelessness, as we strive for the dignity, equality, and participation of all."

For details about securing a ticket to the CSSA National Conference, head to [CSSA National Conference: Hope in Action, 19-20 March 2025](#)

CSSA Members Earlybird tickets are available until **31 January 2025**.

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